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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

25th May 1916.

SECRET.

Sir,

With reference to my Secret despatch of the 18th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of the Resumé of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary from May 6 to May 12 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

A. Conway, Brevet

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ALBERT EDWARD LAW, F.C.S., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

ENCLOSURE
In Dispatch ~~SECRET~~ of 25 May 1916

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SECRET.

General Headquarters,
Old Moshi,

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30th May 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Resume
of my War Diary, from the 6th to 12th May inclusive,
for the information of His Excellency and the
Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) B. G. VAN DER BYL, Capt.,
for Lieutenant General,
Commander-in-Chief, East African Force.

To the Chief Secretary
to the Government of British East Africa.

Copy for information forwarded to :-

- The Chief Secretary to the Government, Uganda.
- Naval Command-in-Chief, Zanzibar.
- Senior Naval Officer, Kisumu.
- Major Grogan.

Headquarters, East African Force.

RESUME OF WAR DIARY.

6th to 12th May 1916 (inclusive).

6th May.

Lake Detachment reports enemy (6 whites, 100 natives) concentrated at Mission 8 miles E.E. of Maganana and that Kagera Ferry held by few enemy.

Native information states one enemy company at Ssingida.

2nd Division reports that patrol captured one askari, and that one of our patrols on the Karand Road was ambushed, losing one wounded, two missing; enemy's losses, one askari captured. Information shows enemy to have five companies at Ssingida from Tabora.

General Cyren reports Belgian advance party were one hour's march off Bataniata on the 2nd instant with one battalion, section maxims, and two guns, and that two battalions should arrive at Bataniata on 3rd instant. Another Belgian battalion was near Piansa on 2nd. Advance guard expected reach Kigali on 7th. A Belgian force has occupied Tshangwa.

Intelligence states that natives report enemy to be still at Lembei.

7th May.

It is reported that the Belgians hope to reach Bataniata on the 7th and attack Kageye Ferry to-morrow and then occupy three points - Kageye, Bataniata,

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Bataniata, and Ruamagano.

2nd Division reports having killed two enemy askaris and captured three.

Intelligence report that our patrols have reached a point 20 miles beyond Kwa Mtoro on the Kondoa-Saranda road. Natives state that the enemy have occupied the high ground at Mpondi and that they have reinforced Ssingida and Tabora.

Fine weather - except for light showers at night - continues.

8th May.

Lake Detachment reports that two patrols came in contact with the enemy at Luwengere and Chahafi; we lost one missing, enemy lost three. Ten whites, 100 natives, reported concentrated at Susuni. Belgian forces halted at Lukara; 6th battalion has begun passage of Lake Mohasi. Reports indicate that the enemy is retiring on Nianza.

A patrol of the 2nd Division got into touch with the enemy six miles from Kwa Mtoro on the Saranda road, killed two and captured three. Our casualties nil.

2nd Division reports that on the 6th a body of the enemy 600 strong advanced from Chamballa and are now nine miles off Kondoa Irangi. Patrols in constant touch. No opposition is being made as it is desired that they approach nearer.

Six or eight companies of the enemy were at Kwa Mtoro on the 7th; two of the companies arrived from Ssingida.

Belgian forces still advancing in Ruanda.

Fine weather continues.

the enemy.

Colonel Molitor's force of Belgians occupied Kigali unopposed.

In a report dated 10th the G.O.C. 2nd Division reports that since the 4th the enemy have been pushing in his patrols on to Kondoa Irangi from Jambalo, and shelled the town on the 9th with a heavy naval gun, and at 8 p.m. made a determined attack on the ridge near that place. The attack was not beaten off till 2 a.m. on the 10th. Our losses were slight, and after the engagement 48 enemy dead were found in front of our lines, besides many which the enemy are known to have removed. The German Commander-in-Chief is reported to be commanding the operations in person with a force of approximately 18 companies. All indications point to the enemy making further attacks in the near future.

Intelligence report that an enemy patrol of about 20 rifles engaged our scouts South of the Makwembi river on the 9th and were driven back towards Marjareni. Further, that an aeroplane reconnaissance over Njata and Lommi Hills, South of Kahe, showed the enemy has constructed a line of trenches along the nek connecting the two hills.

Two regiments of the 2nd South African Infantry Brigade, with an Armoured Car Battery, Machine Gun Company, and a Field Battery, were ordered to advance to Ufione from Kumbulu and then on to Kondoa Irangi.

Weather still continues unbroken.

12th May

Lake Detachment reports Chahafi patrol attacked on

on the 7th instant by one white and 70 askaris in the vicinity of Mulera. Action lasted one hour. Our casualties nil; enemy's believed to be six.

G.O.C. 2nd Division reports that since the 11th night, when they again attacked and were driven off, the enemy have made no further moves. Intermittent artillery duels and small skirmishes on the extreme flanks have been taking place. Our casualties - one killed, six wounded.

The enemy facing Kondoa Irangi appear to be organised into three battalions of six companies each, and are accompanied by heavy and light artillery.

More enemy dead - killed on the night of the 7th/10th - are continually being found, and the bodies actually picked up now number 58.

Information goes to show that the enemy are concentrating in large numbers at Kilimatinde, reinforcements arriving there from Muansa and

Udji.

The Intelligence Section are of opinion that the enemy evidently intend making a determined stand before Kondoa Irangi.

The German native troops have lately been issued with new clothes and equipment, and the old black powder rifles are being replaced by the modern Mauser. The arms and equipment have apparently been obtained from the cargo steamer which arrived in Esudi Bay some time ago.

Mbulu is reported to have been reinforced by fresh troops from Ukulama.

No rain fell during the day or the preceding night.